

Be more sophisticated in thinking, Taib tells youths



DELIVERING HIS SPEECH: Taib speaking at the closing ceremony of 'National Patriotism and Politic Convention: The Real Direction' organised by Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (Unimas).

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KUCHING: Youths of today must be sophisticated enough in their thinking to become effective leaders of the future in nation building.

Chief Minister Pehin Sri Abdul Taib Mahmud yesterday said being open-minded was a very good attribute for individuals of high intellect to become great leaders to steer the country's development.

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"With this attitude, the government and students can swap ideas on developmental issues that would add to the sophistication of our thinking," said Taib when delivering his speech at the closing ceremony of 'National Patriotism and Politic Convention: The Real Direction' organised by Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (Unimas) near here yesterday.

Also present at the ceremony held at the university's DeTAR Putra theatre were former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad, Unimas vice chancellor Prof Datuk Dr Khairuddin Abdul Hamid, Unimas board of directors

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chairman Datu Dr Hatta Solhi and convention project director Muhamad Ikram Jalil.

Highlighting the need for good intellectual leadership, Taib suggested that the national academic policy be more integral rather than speculative in approach.

He stressed that to understand the real situation faced by the global population of today; people should know and understand the happenings around the world.

"We do not follow the old ways nowadays but we act on information that we receive. A lot has changed but we must continue to have the sense of knowing what is good for our country and what is not suitable," he continued.

Therefore, he said, it is important that students are able to know proper and suitable ideologies that will become the basis for their thinking.